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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/06/2006**

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006, please consider the following  
amendments and remarks:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.